

Marion County Election Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 16, 2010 10 a.m.
City-County Building, Rm 107

Board Members Present: Chairman Mark Sullivan; Vice Chairman Patrick Dietrick; Secretary Elizabeth "Beth" White; Director Laurel Judkins

Others Present: April Schultheis, Scott Chinn, Patrick Becker, Angie Nussmeyer, Jenny Troutman, Michael Eckstein, Ryan Hoff, Chris Becker, Terry Burns, Kevin Keith

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order.
- II. **Ratification of Meeting Minutes:** Madame Clerk motioned to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2010 and May 17, 2010 meetings. Chairman Sullivan seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
- III. **Campaign Finance – Setting of fines for delinquent pre-primary reports:** Madame Clerk motioned that the Election Board assess the statutorily-required fines. Vice Chairman Dietrick seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
 - a. **Failed to File:** Director Judkins stated that the following candidates / committees failed to file and the Election Board is statutorily required to assess the maximum fine of a \$1000.
 - i. **Matthew A. (Alex) Chabra**
 - ii. **Jim Wampler**
 - iii. **Jocelyn-Tandy T. Adande**
 - iv. **Mark D. Commons**
 - v. **Gregory N. Allen**
 - vi. **Robin Shackelford**
 - b. **Filed Late:** Director Judkins stated that the following candidates / committees filed late with the Election Board. The Election Board is statutorily required to assess the following fines:
 - i. **Marylin Jo Spangler:** \$50 fine
 - ii. **Marion County Green Party:** \$200 fine
 - iii. **Phillip Gammon:** \$550 fine
 - iv. **William "Roy" Schroeder:** \$200 fine
 - v. **Warren Township GOP Club:** \$200 fine
- IV. **Ratification of Contract – Chris Becker:** Director Judkins stated that Chris Becker successfully coordinated the regional sites in the May 2010 Primary Election. Director Judkins recommends that the Election Board again hire Chris Becker for the November 2010 General Election. The price of his contract is a flat fee of \$4500. Director Judkins stated that the contract is the same fee as it was in the May 2010 Primary. Madame Clerk motioned to

approve the contract of Chris Becker. Vice Chairman Dietrick seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

- V. Ratification of Contract Addendum – Baker & Daniels:** Jenny Troutman provided a brief history concerning the Baker & Daniels legal contract, including the sixth (6th) addendum of the contract that was signed in December 2009, which extended the duration of the original 2007 contract through December 31, 2010, with a not to exceed amount of \$80k for 2010. Ms. Troutman stated due to an overwhelming number of candidate filings and corresponding candidate challenges, a larger portion of the allotted contracted amount had been utilized. Ms. Troutman presented a seventh (7th) addendum to the Board, which adjusts the fees and expenses for 2010 to a not exceed amount of \$140,000. Ms. Troutman indicated less money has been spent on legal fees and expenses than in previous years and the not to exceed amount of \$140,000 maintains this trend of less spending. Madame Clerk motioned to approve the seventh (7th) addendum of the Baker & Daniels contract. Vice Chairman Dietrick seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
- VI. Early Voting Initiative:** Madame Clerk described satellite voting as early voting done at locations other than the City County Building. Madame Clerk stated that satellite voting is easy and convenient for the voters and is also a great experience for the voter. Madame Clerk stated that the demand for satellite voting is great. Madame Clerk stated that she has corresponded with several people in the community, and they have stated their interest in satellite voting. The next Election Board meeting on July 28, 2010 will have a presentation on early and satellite voting. Madame Clerk stated that there is an online petition that individuals can sign to support satellite voting. Vice-Chairman Dietrick stated his hesitancy to support satellite voting, noting both its cost and its perceived “necessity.”
- VII. Town of Homecroft Resignation Filing:** Vice Chairman Dietrick inquired regarding resignation notices in the Town of Homecroft. Director Judkins stated notice of the resignations were filed with the appropriate parties upon her receipt of the notices. Director Judkins briefly discussed the statutory requirements regarding vacancy notices.
- VIII Adjournment:** Chairman Sullivan motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Signed: 7/28/2010

Chairman, Mark K. Sullivan

Vice Chairman, Patrick Dietrick

Secretary, Elizabeth L. White